

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following *new* paragraph on page 1, between lines 3 and 4:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This U.S. National stage application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2004-103128, filed in Japan on March 31, 2004, and 2004-334905, filed in Japan on November 18, 2004, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the heading at page 2, line 10, with the following rewritten version:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION ~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~

Please replace the heading at page 6, line 5, with the following rewritten version:

**~~BEST MODES FOR CARRYING OUT~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
INVENTION**

Please add the following new heading at page 23, between lines 1 and 2:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: